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nurses, on the one hand, and the certificated midwife, on the other. The language is reduced to the simplest terms and the equivalents of the weights and measures are given in household utensils, and every precaution is taken to present the principles and practice of nursing in the simplest manner possible. To its own class the little book has undoubtedly an important mission, but it is extremely unlikely that it will ever gain any great foothold in this country where the class to whom it is addressed is fast passing away before the army of graduate nurses who are yearly launched upon the public from the nurse training schools over the country. The district and settlement nurse is invariably a graduate and the comfortable old-time monthly nurse is only a memory for most of us.

NURSING: GENERAL, MEDICAL, AND SURGICAL. By Wilfred J. Hadley, M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.C.S., Physician, Pathologist and Lecturer on Medicine to the London Hospital; Late Lecturer to the Nurses of the London Hospital Nursing School; Physician to the Chest Hospital, Victoria Park. Price \$1.50 net. P. Blakiston's Son & Co., Philadelphia. J. A. Churchill, 7 Great Marlborough St., London.

Appearing in its second edition with an appendix of sick-room cookery, a dictionary of medical terms and new and copious illustrations, this book is an excellent example of a class now fast being superseded by teaching along special lines. Belonging as it does to the older school of nursing hand-books it loses in value as it widens in its subject. Had the author specialized, say on the diseases of the respiratory tract, leaving out obstetrics and surgical nursing, these branches being but sketchily treated, the book would have gained in value what it may have lost in bulk. The chapters on general medical nursing and the nursing of fevers are much the best in the book, but even these suffer a good deal in that their conditions are localized and will not bear transplanting to another hemisphere, where climate, nationality, and race are known only by hearsay to the writer.

The chapter on diseases of the respiratory system—with secondary headings, dyspnoea, cough, expectorations, hæmoptysis, catarrh, laryngitis, bronchitis, asthma, emphysema, pneumonia, pleurisy, empyema, phthisis—with particular descriptions of the symptoms—cough, expectoration, pain, etc.—is written most happily for the enlightenment of those who lack knowledge on these lines, and one gets the impression that this is the special field of the writer.